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ROBERT C. BORCHERT, and)
VICTOR M. VIESCA) 2855
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FILED: FEBRUARY 13, 2001) HARSHAD R. PATEL
FOR: MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING SYSTEM)
HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY STABLE VACUUM)
LEVEL AND METHOD FOR USING SAME)

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We respectfully request a filing date of October 16, 2003, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

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Respectfully submitted,


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTION

This AMENDMENT is responsive to an Office Action dated
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response to this action to two (2) months from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before November 11, 2003.

Please amend the Application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES

No additional fees are deemed due herein. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit.